

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 956
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bill Moore on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Engineer for the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those committed state employees who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moore is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 36 years as Chief Engineer for the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), having earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore will be taking a much deserved retirement on April 4, 2004, having served under twelve different TDOT Commissioners and in the administrations of eight governors; he directs the activities of eight TDOT divisions and four regional offices, supervising personnel in charge of the design, maintenance and operations areas of TDOT's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moore is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Standing Committee on Highways, which he serves as Chairman of the Highway Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering, and the Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), which he had previously served as president; and

WHEREAS, a Registered Professional Engineer, Mr. Moore is no stranger to honors and accolades; he was awarded the 1998 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the College of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Tennessee, where he serves on the Board of Advisors, the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers Government Engineer of the Year

Award for 2000, the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Distinguished Career Award in 2001, and ITE's Volunteer Award for Distinguished Service in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moore's leadership has resulted in TDOT's winning dozens of awards; Commissioner Gerald Nicely said of him, "He is great leader in the department. He feels a deep responsibility to the people of Tennessee. Due in large part to his efforts, Tennessee roads are consistently ranked among the best in the nation. I am deeply appreciative of his assistance in managing many of the changes the new administration has brought to TDOT over the past year."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore began his career with TDOT just as the nation's interstate system was being developed; as the years have passed, he is most proud of Tennessee's new Intelligent Transportation System, TDOT Smartway, which he predicts will make highway travel safer and more efficient in major urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moore exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he hopes to engage in some private-sector transportation work in the future, but expects to spend much time with his wife at their home on the beach in Florida; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Moore has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and employees alike and the appreciation of a grateful state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we thank Bill Moore for his years of exemplary and dedicated service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.